

**SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 3**

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in Section 2(a) by inserting the language “not more than twelve (12)” in the first sentence between the language “number” and “that”.

AND FURTHER AMEND in Section 2(a) by adding the following sentence at the end of the subsection: “Daily limitations of access to the river by the county are not permitted.”

AND FURTHER AMEND in Section 2(e) by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(e) The initial license to an operator shall be for a term of five (5) years. Subsequent renewals of a license shall be for a term of ten (10) years with an annual evaluation of the license by county. Licenses are not transferable. Licenses should be renewed if the licensee demonstrates compliance with the safety, reporting and fiscal requirements of the county pursuant to this act. In renewing licenses, preference should be given to existing operators who are in good standing with respect to their licenses.

AND FURTHER AMEND in Section 2(h) by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(h) All fees collected under the provisions of this act shall be used to defray the expenses of the county in regulating the use of the rivers under this act and to promote the use of the rivers.

AND FURTHER AMEND in Section 2 by adding the following as a new subsection (j):

(j) The total of federal, state, and local fees and taxes levied per user shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the purchase price of the average ticket as determined by

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the county on July 1 of each year. If the fee or tax burden exceeds ten percent (10%) a local fee may not be imposed or shall be reduced by the county so as to comply with the ten percent (10%) limit. The maximum user fee until the July 1, 2000, shall be no more than one and one quarter percent (1.25%) of the ticket price.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the first sentence of Section 3, as amended, in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

The Cocke County executive shall establish an advisory panel to be called the Newport and Cocke County Tourism Council to plan and oversee whitewater and other visitor activities in the county. This panel shall include two (2) representatives selected by the licensed outfitter operators and an employee of Carolina Power and Light. This panel shall establish operational and safety procedures to be followed by private and commercial users and shall recommend to the Cocke County legislative body the suspension or revocation of a license or other disciplinary action of any outfitter found in non-compliance with the established procedures. This board shall consult with the county legislative body in regard to the fees and taxes levied and such repair, maintenance, and improvements that may be necessary on site at the rivers. This panel shall report to and advise the county executive and the county legislative body.